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Group A Pre-Surveys Released for School Year 2007

Pre-surveys for <u>Livestock and Poultry</u> and <u>Fruit and Vegetables</u> were released this afternoon and will be available by Wednesday, *January 11*, *2006*. These pre-surveys reflect our School Entitlement ordering plans for SY 2007 which is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Pre-surveys are a mechanism that recipient agencies can use to submit their requisitions to the state office, well before the round surveys are released. Some of you are familiar with the pre-surveys but here are some basic points to remember when working with them:

- The pre-surveys remain available to you in ECOS, until the actual survey is released (tentatively set for opening on February 28, 2006 for most).
- Any requisitions placed in ECOS for the pre-surveys will display on the **Requisition Rollup Summary Page.**
- The Requisition Rollup Commodity worksheet can be used to make full truckloads, associate splits, and make adjustments
- Pre-surveys will not allow orders to go into PCIMS until the actual survey is released and you have rolled up your orders.
- When the surveys are converted to regular Round Surveys and released, then requisitions can be rolled up to PCIMS to become a delivery order.

If you have not rolled ECOS to your recipient agencies, you can do the following:

- (1) enter requisitions
- (2) use the information in your state system for planning purposes
- (3) wait and act on the actual survey

Pre-surveys simply give you more time to work on your requisitions. Many of you have experience working with the pre-surveys since most Bonus surveys are handled in this manner.

For a summary of the SY2007 Schedules of Orders for Group A and B for Schools, CACF, SFSP, NPE, and AAA, please click on the links below:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/focus/DO-Schedules.htm

Please let us know if you have any questions. Keep in mind that there could be additional surveys and/or commodities later in the year as market conditions change. For additional information please contact the appropriate specialist listed below:

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Thanks to all of you for your continued support and for a successful new school year!

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